# **EXHIBIT 10**

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### Storage Architect, Enterprise Storage Expert, Speaker & Author

Results-oriented professional with a strong product and innovation track record. Holder of 34 US Patents

Expertise spans software architecture, writing software in C & Bash, networking infrastructure, hardware server design and manufacturing, including purchasing and ISO-9000 certification

#### ENGINEERING AND INNOVATION EXPERTISE

Co-Architect for Object Storage ◆ Managed Hardware & Software engineering for Set Top Boxes ◆ Managed IP program that distilled 3000 ideas into 150 patent applications that received 120+ patents ◆ Built Hardware & Software engineering teams from scratch

#### BROAD DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY EXPERTISE

Software Defined Storage, Datacenter, Networking ♦ Open Source Software ♦ Cloud Computing AWS, S3
Ceph & OpenStack ♦ Storage hardware (SAS/SATA, SMR, Key/Value, FLASH/SSD ♦ Big Data ♦ Object
Storage ♦ Server Architecture for Storage, Networking & High Frequency Trading ♦ Low Level CPU design
with FPGAs ♦ GPU Servers ♦ Backup/Archive/DR ♦ Enterprise Software ♦ Data Management ♦
Security/Encryption Management ♦ Grid Software for financial applications ♦ RDBMS

### - PROVEN TRACK RECORD OF PERFORMANCE

- Co-Architect of Object Storage (NexentaEdge).
- Server architect for storage, networking, compute and high frequency servers.
- Created & implemented ISO-9001:2000 certification for a manufacturing operation.
- Managed \$2 Billion in product revenue
- Created and introduced the most successful workstation in Sun's history
- Wrote a monograph "Software Defined Datacenter for Dummies1" (A Wiley Publication)
- Successful international ACM lecturer and author at numerous trade shows with videos on YouTube

#### PROFESSIONAL CHRONOLOGY

Distinguished Technologist, Hyperscale Architect, Hewlett-Packard Enterprise, Palo Alto, CA 1/2015 to 7/2015

### Hyperscale account growth

- Drove new solutions to increase sales with Apple, Microsoft, Workday and Salesforce
- Created a new Object Policy to facilitate object application interoperation for Scality, Cleversafe, et al

Nexenta Systems, Director of Systems Architecture, Santa Clara, CA 4/2012 – 1/2015, Enterprise Class Software Storage Start-up based on Software-Defined Storage (SDS)

- Co-Architect of NexentaEdge, a share-nothing scale-out storage architecture, now being resold by Canonical
- Product has multiple patents awarded (26) and pending, co-author on 12 awarded patents
- By showing the safety of ZFS to Wall Street CIOs, drove increased sales

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>https://nexenta.com/SDDCForDummies</u>

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#### Supermicro, Inc. Director of Enterprise Servers, San Jose CA 6/2007 -4/2012

- Designed new, custom servers for Fortune 500 clients
- Designed and deployed High Frequency Trading Servers with overclocked CPUs, high speed memory and low latency NICs.
- Created and drove product definition to create higher density (weight & power) racks for enterprises.
- Created and drove product definition for Enterprise management of servers with IPMI software

# Quantum3D, Inc, Vice-President of Product Marketing, San Jose, CA 10/2005 -6/2006, Flight Simulators for every fast jet in the US inventory

- Flight Simulators for Apache Helicopter, F-18, F-22 and F-35
- Fanless computers for use in Bradley Fighting Vehicle and man-worn simulation/training

## GarrettCom, Inc., Member, Board of Directors, Fremont, CA 3/1993 – 10/2006 Rugged Ethernet and contract manufacturing

• Company was sold to Belden. Managed growth from \$3 million to over \$24 million

# GarrettCom, Inc., General Manager, Fremont, CA 1/2002-10/2005 New Product Nursery Contract Manufacturing

- Created separate division with its own purchasing, operations, manufacturing and shipping
- Created ISO 9001:2000 program certified on first pass
- Grew business from \$1 million to \$6.1 million

#### Digeo, Inc., Vice-President of Technology, Kirkland, WA 1/2000 - 11/2001 Set Top Boxes for Cable TV

- Hired and managed engineering team (hardware and software)
- Created Set Top Box reference designs for cable companies
- Built a patent program that distilled 3000 ideas into 150 patent application, 120+ patents awarded

#### Sun Microsystems, Director of Marketing, E-Commerce for iPlanet, Menlo Park, CA 12/1998 - 1/2000

- Created the business plan for the E-Commerce team as part of the Sun/AOL/Netscape business
- International evangelist for E-Commerce

#### Sun Microsystems, Group Manager, Power Desktop Workstations, Menlo Park, CA 11/1992 - 12/1998

- Managed 12 Product Managers
- Generated \$2 billion in Workstation revenue
- Most successful workstation launch in Sun's history
- Wrote strategic business plan for SunSoft

EDUCATION AND TRAINING
Graduate Work: University of Illinois, Chicago, IL campus (UICC).  BS – Computer Science, Minors – Linguistics and Secondary Education: University of Illinois, Urbana, IL (UIUC).  TECHNICAL EXPERTISE
Linux/Unix Expert, Ubuntu, Raspbian, C, Perl, Bash, Make, Javascript, Git, Github, Object Storage. CI/CD, AWS S3, REST, Twelve Factor App Methodology, Cryptography, Blake2, IoT, Raspberry PI, MS-Windows, MS-Office, Software Defined Object Storage, Manufacturing, Purchasing, ISO-90001, Project Management, <a href="https://github.com/sailnfool">https://github.com/sailnfool</a>
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Personal - Avid sailor, writing software, shortwave radio

Numerous Publications - Please see <a href="http://www.linkedin.com/in/sailnfool">http://www.linkedin.com/in/sailnfool</a> for a complete list

U.S. Patents – 34 patents - 32 Utility Patents and 2 Design Patents – Please see <a href="http://tinyurl.com/sailnfool34">http://tinyurl.com/sailnfool34</a> for a list

- PUBLICATIONS